13th November 1961]

The Nasurannıar river (breaches)

* 2043 *Q.*—Sri A. R. MARIMUTHU (on behalf of Sri R. SRINIVASA IYER): Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the fishermen of Athirampatnam and the Block Development Officer, Pattukkottai have represented to the Government the perennial inundation of the fishermen colony there due to breaches of Nasavanniar river consequent on the silting up of the river;

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon;

(*c*) whether any silt clearance is being made in the bed of Nasavanniar River, North and South of the Mayavaram Karaikudi Railway line; and

(*d*) If so, the amount spent on this account during 1958–59, 1959–60 and 1960–61 up to date?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) An estimate for 1.5 lakhs for forming flood banks to the tail end of Nasurvanniar river near Athirampattinam, Pattukkottai taluk ,Thanjavur district, has been sanctioned by Government on 5th September 1961.

(*c*) No, Sir.

(*d*) Does not arise.

Lower Bhavani Project

* 2044 *Q.*—Sri **V. SUBBIAH :** கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப் பாரா—

(அ) கோயம்புத்தூர், கோபிசெட்டிபாளையம், பவானி தாலூகாக்களில் லோயர் பவானி திட்டத்தில் **seepage water**-ஐ விவசாயத்துக்கு உபயோகப்படுத்துவதற்கு ஏதாவது திட்டமுண்டா?

(இ) அப்படியானால், எந்த நிலையிலுள்ளது?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN :—(*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Nineteen Schemes for utilizing the seepage water of the Lower Bhavani Project for irrigation purposes in Gobichettipalayam and Bhavani taluks have been considered and four of them have been approved by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). But, these schemes have not been taken up for execution pending a decision on the Upper Kalingarayan Canal Scheme which also aims at full utilization of the seepage waters.

Teaching of English

* 2045 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to introduce English from III Standard?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Not at present, Sir.